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Furman alumni news

The Furman network



When job-hunting, do you use your Furman connections? When you move to a new city, do you seek out Furman alumni?

Alumni networking benefits all Furman graduates, but it is especially important for students and young alumni.

Take the case of Tracy Mueller, a 2000 grad. During her junior year, Tracy worked with the Alumni Office to identify Atlanta alumni employed in the fields she was considering — public relations and law. Through her Furman contacts, she landed internships in both areas and discovered that she wanted to pursue a legal career. Upon graduation, she was offered a full-time position as a legal assistant at the law firm where she interned.

"I had an immensely positive experience utilizing the Furman alumni network," she says. "I can't think of a better way to get your foot in the door than with the help of an established connection — in this case, Furman." She hopes to take advantage of her Furman ties again when she completes law school in three years.

Tracy's classmate, Christine Farrell, had a similar experience. Armed with a degree in business administration, she asked the Alumni Office to generate a list of alumni living and working in Greenville. Christine contacted alumni in careers that interested her and says this was "a great way to network. Most of the people I called gave me someone else to call."

One contact, who had no openings at the ad agency where she worked, kept her eye out for other

possibilities and forwarded them to Christine. The result: Christine found a position as an account executive with Erwin-Penland, a Greenville advertising agency, where she began working just three months after graduation.

The Young Alumni Association (YAC) works to strengthen ties between young alumni and Furman. We want alumni to stay in touch with each other, and a good way to do so is through job networking. As Christine and Tracy learned, the Alumni Office can help.

Another resource for Furman graduates is the Young Alumni Resource Directory (YARD). The YARD lists the names of alumni who can provide career advice to young alumni or help them acclimate to a new area. By listing your name and information in the YARD, you reach out to young alumni in your area. The YARD is a great resource for job-hunting, networking, or just learning about a new city. For a copy, contact the Alumni Office.

So remember: If you're job hunting or moving to a new city, Furman can help. And if you're looking for a new employee or a summer intern, check with Furman as well.

Alumni networking works!
— Nancy Thomas Kennedy '90

The author is a member of the Young Alumni Council.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

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1-800-PURPLE3

Web site
<http://www.furman.edu/admin/alumni>

E-mail
alumni@furman.edu

Cast your ballot: Alumni, take note! It's Alumni Board election time!

Please complete the ballot included in this issue of the magazine and return it as soon as possible. This year's candidates (photos and biographies opposite) represent specific decades for which we seek further representation.

Mark the ballot for each candidate of your choice and return it to the Alumni Office by July 10. Vote for one candidate in each pairing. If you are married and voting together, include two checks beside each choice.

If through some glitch your magazine doesn't include a ballot, go on-line to the Furman Web site (www.furman.edu) and follow the link to the Alumni section, where the candidate biographies and a ballot are included.

Coaches' tours highlight Furman Club events: Coaches of Paladin athletic teams hit the road in late May for Furman Club events in Atlanta, Ga., Charleston, S.C., and Columbia, S.C. They met with alumni, provided season reviews and previews, and emphasized the importance of alumni support for Paladin athletics. Thanks to David Cobb '90, Rebecca Armacost '89 and Kelly Davis '94 for their help in planning these events.

A number of "Summer Send-Offs" will be held during the next three months, with the Alumni and Admissions offices joining forces to host programs for incoming freshmen and their families. And in September, the Alumni Office will take its show out West for events in Denver, Colo., Laramie, Wyo. (tied in with the football team's season opener against Wyoming), Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Of course, we'll once again have a slate of tailgating parties and other activities to coincide with the Paladins' road football games this fall. So watch your mail for announcements or check the Alumni Web page about upcoming Furman Club events.

Singers Reunion set August 3-5: It's time again for the biennial Furman Singers reunion. Singers alumni are invited to return to campus August 3-5 for rehearsals, a Saturday banquet and a performance Sunday morning at Greenville's First Baptist Church.

This year marks the 12th reunion for the Singers during Bingham Vick's 31 years as the group's director. For more information, call the music department at (864) 294-2086 or e-mail bing.vick@furman.edu.

Candidates for Alumni Association Board of Directors

Please complete and return the ballot included in this magazine or access the Alumni site at www.furman.edu and follow the instructions for voting. Vote for one nominee in each column.

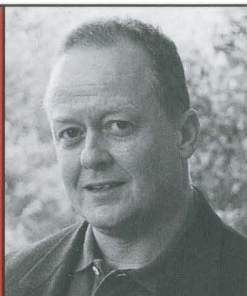


HARRIET ARNOLD WILBURN '74

Immediately after graduation, Harriet worked for three years as an Admissions counselor at Furman and later was a customer service representative for IBM. She currently works part time at Stafford Jewelers in Greenville and is president-elect of the PTA at J.L. Mann High School.

She has been a class agent and served as co-chair of her reunion committee. She was a member of the Alumni College exploratory committee and is on the Presbyterian College Board of Visitors. She was formerly an event coordinator with Greenville's Metropolitan Arts Council.

Harriet and her husband, Paul, have two children.

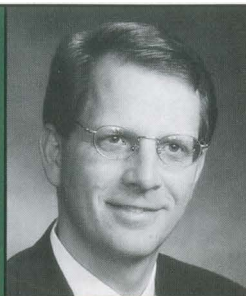


PAUL B. NIX, JR. '77

Paul is vice president and general counsel for Lanier Worldwide, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga.

A 1980 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, he was a judicial clerk for U.S. District Judge Falcon Hawkins for two years before joining the McNair Law Firm in Columbia, S.C. In 1986 he became corporate counsel for the Harris Corporation, and in 1995 he joined Lanier Worldwide, Inc.

Paul has previously served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and as a class agent. He is active in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

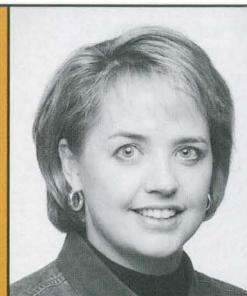


STEVEN B. SMITH '83

Steve, who holds an M.B.A. degree from Queens College, is a partner with The McAulay Firm, a retained executive search company in Charlotte, N.C. Before joining the firm in 1996, he worked with NationsBank (Bank of America), where he was senior vice president and private banking city manager for Charlotte.

A member of Furman's National Development Council, he has served on the boards of various civic and community groups, is active in Presbyterian church work, and enjoys coaching youth basketball and soccer.

Steve and his wife, Shelly Brown Smith '83, have two children.



REBECCA HOOD BECHERER '89

Becky, a pediatrician with Brownsboro Park Pediatrics in Louisville, Ky., received her medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1993.

She has been a class agent and a member of her reunion committee. She was a founder and president of the Bluegrass Furman Club, a member of Furman's National Development Council and FAN Club, and worked on the Campaign for the Social Sciences and Engaged Learning. She is a volunteer faculty member and serves as a student mentor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Becky and her husband, Tom, have two children.

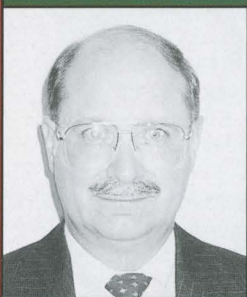


GINGER MALONE SAULS '75

Since graduating from Furman, Ginger has been a teacher in four states. She currently teaches special education in the Fayette County (Kentucky) Public Schools.

She has been a class agent, editor of her class newsletter and chair of her reunion committee. She is active with the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, is working to launch a summer reading camp project for children in the state, and is a volunteer at St. Agnes House, a home for cancer patients undergoing treatment at the University of Kentucky hospital.

Ginger and her husband, Stacy Sauls '77, have two children.

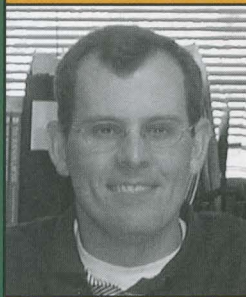


MICHAEL W. ARMISTEAD '78

Mike holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary and has been pastor at Huntersville (N.C.) Presbyterian Church since 1995. He was previously pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Ga., and associate pastor for youth at Sunrise Presbyterian in Miami, Fla.

He has served as head agent for his class and been a Young Life volunteer and a member of the board of advisors for Community Action Mission Program in Austell, Ga. He is active with the Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg.

Mike and his wife, Gina, have two children.



DAVID M. SCHILLI '85

David is an attorney with the Charlotte, N.C., firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. He earned his law degree from Washington & Lee University.

Head agent for his class, he is a former president of the Young Alumni Council and is on the Charlotte Furman Club steering committee. He works to provide pro bono legal services to the homeless and to victims of domestic violence, and he has coached youth baseball and basketball teams. A member of Leadership Charlotte Class XX, he co-chaired the professional division in the United Way of the Central Carolinas' fund-raising campaign.



TAWANDA COOPER DIXON '90

Tawanda holds a master's degree from South Carolina State University. A speech language pathologist with Advanced Rehabilitation Services of Easley, S.C., she assists geriatric patients with cognitive, communication and swallowing deficits. Before entering this field, she was student services coordinator at South Carolina State.

She has been a reunion co-chair and co-advisor for Furman's Finest, which helps the university's athletic department welcome recruits and their families to campus.

Tawanda and her husband, Julius Dixon '90, are expecting their first child.

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Steve Mitchell was honored at the 2001 USA-Canadian Rotary International Youth Exchange Banquet in Chicago March 1 for his significant contributions and devotion to Rotary's International Scholarship program and for his 40 years of perfect attendance with the Pleasantburg Rotary Club in Greenville.

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In February, **Dabney Robinson** of Greenville celebrated his 50th anniversary in the practice of dentistry.

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B.I. Epting has been recognized as pastor emeritus by Mount Pleasant Church, Ridge Association of South Carolina.

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This year is reunion!
Hazelwood Junior High School in New Albany, Ind., has honored **Edwin Ellmers**, its former coach and assistant principal, by naming a building for him. Ellmers spoke at the dedication ceremonies for the Edwin "Skip" Ellmers Physical Education Complex.

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Next reunion in 2002
Jack F. Owens has been inducted into the Easley (S.C.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Next reunion in 2004
Richard W. Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education in the Clinton administration, has resumed work with his former law firm, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P. He will teach and work with the Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman, which is named in his honor, and will also teach at the University of South Carolina.

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Next reunion in 2005
Carroll Andrews, who retired in 1999 after more than 18 years as pastor of Due West (S.C.) Baptist Church, was called back to the pastorate in November to

serve Chappells Church in the South Carolina Reedy River Association. ■ **Inman Mills Church** in Inman, S.C., has called **Jack Hames** as pastor. He has served churches in North Carolina and South Carolina for 45 years. He is on the board of the South Carolina Baptist Ministries for the Aging.

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This year is reunion!
Bob Chapman of Martinsville, Va., is director of adult music at First Presbyterian Church and is also an adjunct professor of voice and handbells at Liberty University. ■ **Salemtowne, The Moravian Retirement Community** in Winston-Salem, N.C., has named its new \$10 million health care center in honor of **Kay McGee Phillips**. She has been with the center for 16 years and has been its president since 1996.

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Next reunion in 2003
Jimmie Harley, who pastored churches throughout South Carolina before retiring from First Baptist Church of Florence, recently was interim pastor at Taylors (S.C.) First Baptist. ■ **Robert Lee** of Dillon, S.C., retired December 31 after serving as director of missions for the Pee Dee Association of the South Carolina Baptist Convention since 1995. He serves on the convention's Nominations Committee. ■ **Alfred Miller** of Gastonia, N.C., has retired after 45 years in the Baptist ministry in the two Carolinas. ■ **Father and son Charles Rollins and Joseph Rollins** '86 were profiled in a recent edition of *The Greenville News*. Charles Rollins became pastor of Fair Heights Baptist Church in Greenville in 1957. Joe joined his father as co-pastor of the church in 1993 and now does most of the Sunday preaching, which enables Charles to devote his time to visitation and outreach. ■ **H. Leroy Stewart**, owner of the Golden Creek Mill near Easley, S.C., serves on the Steering Committee of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. Stewart and his mill were recently featured in *Sandlapper* and *Southern Living* magazines.

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Next reunion in 2004
Robert B. King, organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, N.C., and teacher of organ at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, has recently issued his second CD of organ music. Last summer he performed three organ recitals in Italy, and in June he will perform in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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This year is reunion!
Don Purvis of Hartsville, S.C., former president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and retired pastor of Hartsville's Lakeview Church, has become director of denominational relations for Charleston (S.C.) Southern University. ■ **Gary Smoak**, formerly county manager of Union County in North Carolina, has become county administrator for Newberry County, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2002
At its December meeting, the South Carolina Baptist Convention Executive Board elected **Troy Gregg** as its chair for 2001. Gregg is pastor of First Church, Chesnee, S.C. ■ **Luther and Jackie Mixson** '67 **Townsend** have been called to serve Thomas Memorial Church in Bennettsville, S.C., as minister of music and pianist, respectively.

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Next reunion in 2004
Richard Bowers is president and chief executive officer of Tor Minerals International, Inc., in Corpus Christi, Texas, and is a partner in two other firms. He is also chair of the board of the Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures. ■ **Joseph W. Smith, Jr.**, has retired after 40 years as a minister with South Carolina churches in Laurens, Union and Woodruff. He is a member of the Nominations Committee of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. ■ **Carol Henderson Walsh**, who retired from the Pickens County (S.C.) School System, has opened Walsh

Realty, LLC, a residential, land and commercial real estate company in Easley, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2005
For the past two years, **Mary Jae Abbitt** has lived and worked in the former Soviet Republics of Central Asia (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) and in Central America (Nicaragua). She is a senior international capital market advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Inter American Development Bank (IADB). ■ **Richard D. Caine** has moved to Oak Island, N.C., where he has opened Oak Island Beach House, a bed and breakfast.

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This year is reunion!
Soprano **Myra Cordell Bagnoli** sang in the Anderson (S.C.) Community Theater's 2000 "Singing Christmas Tree" and conducted master classes for the children who performed in the show. ■ **Donnie Brown** was recently named vice president of human resources for Tindall Corporation in Spartanburg, S.C., one of the largest precast/prestressed producers of concrete products in the United States. He is responsible for human resource functions for the corporation's five plants. ■ **Susan Thomson Shi** has been named vice chair of the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Greenville for 2001.

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Next reunion in 2002
David E. Guthrie, president and creative director of Guthrie & Associates in Greenville, was named Business Person of the Year by the city's Pleasantburg Drive Business Association. ■ **Dave Tunstall** has been promoted to full colonel by the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed in Belgium, as the USAF Attache, serving at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels.

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Next reunion in 2003
Russ Hunt and his wife, **Cheryl Snider Hunt** '74, live in Greensboro, N.C. He is senior

A scribe's scribe

Foster puts wraps on 50 years of writing sports

When Dan Foster '49 retired from *The Greenville News* late last year after more than 50 years of writing about sports, he was honored in just about every way imaginable. He was lionized by the Greenville Touchdown Club, a special section in the *News* was devoted to his career, and he received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award.

It seemed that nobody had a bad word to say about him, which made him wonder if he had made the right decision after all. "If I had known I was that good," the 72-year-old Foster jokes, "I would never have quit."

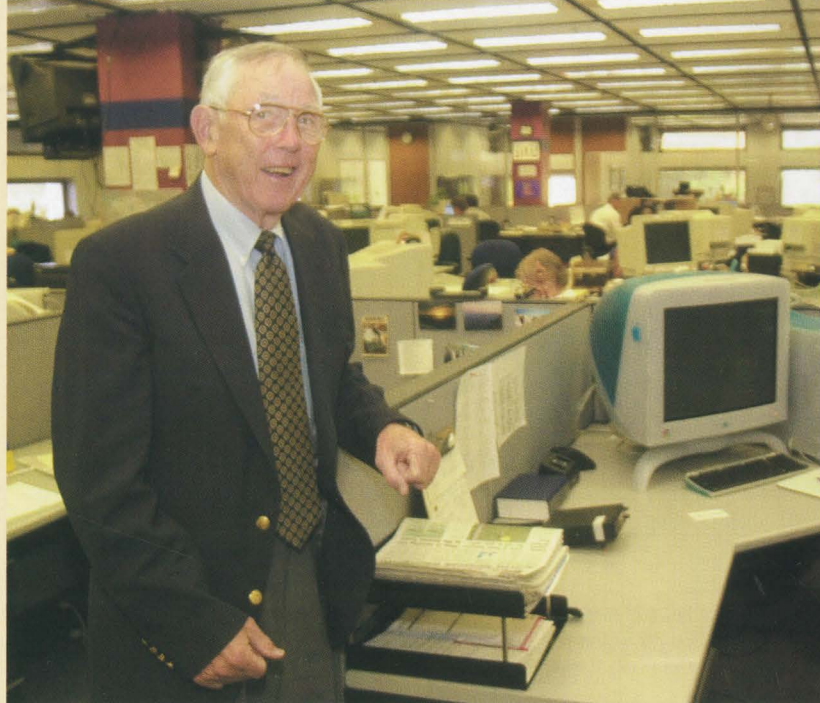
Of course, Foster really was that good. Whether he was producing columns about the Furman-Citadel football game or the Super Bowl, he provided his readers with the kind of insightful and accomplished writing that is usually reserved for the sports sections in America's bigger cities. In fact, there may have never been another sportswriter who spent an entire career so far removed from the national media spotlight and yet earned so much respect among his peers at the highest levels of the profession.

Foster was elected president of the prestigious National Football Writers Association in 1986 and, in 1998, was enshrined in the United States Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame. His regular running mates at the World Series included Jim Murray of *The Los Angeles Times*, Blackie Sherrod of *The Dallas Morning News* and Edwin Pope of *The Miami Herald*. Foster was such a close friend of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Murray that he served as a pallbearer at Murray's funeral a few years ago.

Foster's sportswriting career actually began at the age of 10, when he started chronicling the backyard games played in the Monaghan Mill area of his Greenville neighborhood. Even then, he says, he adhered to the reporter's code of objectivity and didn't play up his own efforts on the field, no matter how special they might have been.

After graduating from Parker High School, Foster went on to Furman and became sports editor of *The Hornet*, the school paper. He also began his unofficial career at the Greenville newspaper, working about 20 hours a week in the sports department. He can remember meeting a 9:50 a.m. deadline at the *Greenville Piedmont*, the now-defunct afternoon paper, and then hustling through downtown Greenville to make a 10:10 biology class on campus.

After graduating from Furman, he went to work for the *Piedmont* as a city reporter — the paper had no need for two full-time sports



Dan Foster has covered many historic sporting events, but he says his most memorable was the earthquake-marred 1989 World Series between Oakland and San Francisco.

people — and then entered the Air Force during the Korean War. He spent three years as the officer in charge of an Armed Forces radio station in Seoul, and it was his crew that covered the signing of the truce that ended the war.

After returning from Korea and before his sportswriting career at the *News* began in earnest, Foster also served as Furman's sports information director. Although his SID work was a mere footnote in his award-winning career, he did his job well enough that basketball players Frank Selvy and Darrell Floyd were named first-team All-Americans for three years running.

After that, it was a life of attending the World Series, the Super Bowl, the Masters, the U.S. Open, the Final Four and a host of other major sporting events that the great majority of people don't get paid to attend. And if you don't see that as terribly difficult work, Foster isn't going to argue with you.

"I never thought that getting free tickets, parking in reserved parking, and sitting in a climate-controlled press box to watch sports was all that noble," he says.

But he's got the accolades — and a couple of generations of loyal readers — to prove it.

—Vince Moore

vice president of Snider Tire Inc., which recently opened a store in Duncan, S.C. The company, the 15th largest commercial truck tire dealer in the United States, now has 12 locations in the two Carolinas, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio and Texas. ■ **Ken Shigley** has his own law firm in Atlanta, Ga., and also does work with the Georgia State Bar. ■

C. Carolyn Thiedke, an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, is co-author of *Women's Health: A Quick Reference Guide for*

Family Physicians. Written for family practitioners, the book covers the full range of women's health issues, including menopause, depression, weight management, sexual functioning, female cancers and osteoporosis. ■ **ADOPTION: R. Graham** and Margaret **Hoskins**, a daughter, Margaret Mei, adopted December 20 in China. The family lives in Radford, Va.

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This year is reunion!

Lt. Col. **Mike Garrett** retired from the U.S. Army February 1, after more than 24 years of

service. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

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Next reunion in 2003

In October **Tom Henry** was installed as senior pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, N.C. He and his wife, **Toni Thompson '79 Henry**, live in Charlotte, N.C., where she is a computer consultant and trainer. ■ **Douglas Roberts** moved to California in January as executive vice president of worldwide field operations for Versata, a provider of software and services that automate the

development, deployment and change management of transaction-based e-business.

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Next reunion in 2004

Mary Brown Ries of Greenville has earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of South Carolina.

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Next reunion in 2005

After working on a doctoral degree for a year, **John Kearns** and his wife, Kathy, have started

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a new Methodist church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. ■ **Libby Powers Keller** lives in San Diego, Calif., where she is a lower school music teacher at La Jolla Country Day. ■ **Randall Reiss** works in publicity for Central Asian Partnership.

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This year is reunion!

Paul Edgar Boles began work in January as director of missions for the Charleston (S.C.) Baptist Association. He has pastored churches in the South Carolina towns of Iva, Pauline and Greer. ■ **Keith Lockhart** and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra performed in Greenville March 6 as part of their "Spring Swing" tour. ■ **Kim Rody** has left State Farm Insurance to relocate to the Bahamas and pursue her interest in art (specifically fish art) full time. Her portrayals of fish and sea life may be seen on the World Wide Web at <http://www.thecybergallery.com>.

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Next reunion in 2002

Stuart Sheehan is senior associate pastor and pastor for worship at Houston (Texas) Northwest Church. He is also an adjunct professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. ■ **Ken Stevenson** lives in Tallahassee, Fla., where he is an agent with Earl Bacon Insurance. ■ **BIRTH:** **Joseph and Robbins Whisnant**, a daughter, Mary Robbins, October 29, Charlotte, N.C.

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Next reunion in 2003

Wayne Blank is a senior manager with KPMG's Forensic and Litigation Services in Atlanta, Ga., working primarily in the area of health care compliance and regulatory matters. ■ **Guy Molnar** is completing his M.F.A. in acting from the University of South Carolina by performing with The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C., during the 2000-01 season. ■ After four years abroad with the U.S. Army, which included three tours in

Bosnia, Lt. Col. **Mike Stewart** is now stationed at Leavenworth, Kan., as an instructor in the Army's school for mid-level officers. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **Bradford John Faxon, Jr.**, and Dorothea Charlotte Ricci, September 15, Boston, Mass.

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Next reunion in 2004

Ann H. Edmiston of Crestview Hills, Ky., has been promoted by Union Central Insurance and Investments to vice president, with responsibility for leading the company's consolidated actuarial and financial analysis unit. ■ **Hank and Janice Mehaffey Hinnant** live in Taylors, S.C. In addition to being an adjunct instructor in music theory and music technology at North Greenville College, he composes and publishes music and is looking forward to the premiere of his first extended musical in Nashville, Tenn., in September. He has recently opened his own business in music production and recording, Opus One Productions. ■ **Don Law** of Plantation, Fla., and four colleagues have started Salient Software Solutions, Inc., a products and service company. ■ **Billy Lewis** is an emergency medicine physician in Asheville, N.C. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **David Anthony Smith** and Brandi Lyn Kreisler, February 10, Simpsonville, S.C. She is an accounting clerk at Bi-Lo Corporate Center and he is an executive with Carolina First Bank. They live in Simpsonville. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Stuart and Ginger Luton** '87 **Mauney**, a son, James Grady, April 24, 2000, Greenville. ■ **Todd and Angela Norton Lepkofker**, a son, Charlton Shea, May 15, 2000, West Orange, N.J. ■ **Robert and MaryBeth Reece**, a son, Quinton James, November 12, Lawrenceville, Ga. ■ **Robert and Lisa M. Schilli**, a son, Peter Andrew, February 16, 2000, Birmingham, Ala.

In memory: Linda Reeves

The article in the winter issue of *Furman* magazine about Linda Reeves '63 and the bench that her many friends presented to the university in her name ("A place of honor for Reeves") was published just in time.

On April 5, just a few weeks after the magazine was printed, Reeves died in Greenville following a long battle with cancer. She was a teacher for 37 years, the last 27 at Greenville's Christ Church Episcopal School, where she taught physical education and coached girls' tennis, basketball and field hockey. She was an award-winning teacher and coach, and the school named its hockey field in her honor.

The bench dedicated in her honor now sits beside the Furman lake and serves as a reminder of her love for Furman and of the love she inspired in others. As one of her friends said, "She seemed to be best friends with so many people."

We're glad she saw the article before her death, and we celebrate her legacy of love and friendship.

— Jim Stewart

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Next reunion in 2005

Paul and Marjorie Hart Murphy '88 **Keller** live in Dunedin, Fla., where he is a district manager for Ferrellgas and she supervises a team of counselors for a foster care provider. ■ **Libby Smith** has taken a staff chaplain position at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

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This year is reunion!

Leonard L. Brown, Jr., has started a new business in Greenville called Advanced Media Systems, specializing in the design, integration and installation of audio-visual presentation systems. ■ Both **Todd Cain** and his wife, Leslie London, work for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. He is development officer for the National Museum of the American Indian and she is a designer at the National Portrait Gallery. Todd completed his first marathon last October. ■ **Janet Ledbetter Fossell** has been promoted to assistant director of client relations for The Principal Financial Group in West Des Moines, Iowa. ■ **Dan and Wendy Lewis Mueller** live in Seattle, Wash. He works as a litigator with the firm of Groff & Murphy, PLLC, Attorneys. ■ **Jonathan Shippey's** first published choral piece, "Lenten

Contemplation," for SATB a capella choir, was recently released by Hinshaw Music, Inc.

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Next reunion in 2002

Kirk and Laura Roberts Adair live in Columbia, S.C. Laura participates in local theater and sings for weddings and other community events. ■ **Edward G. Robinson IV**, who has been with the South Carolina Department of Commerce for seven years as a project manager in the International Business Development Division, is now senior salesman for the state, working to recruit high quality manufacturing companies from around the world. ■ **Peter St. Martin** lives in Roswell, Ga., and is a self-employed real estate developer. ■ **Elias Coye Still III** graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December with a Doctor of Philosophy degree. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Stephen and Irene Jones Barton**, a daughter, Casey Lane, April 16, 2000, Marietta, Ga. ■ **Ed and Alicia Shawn** '88 **Gagnon**, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, November 17, 1999, Charlotte, N.C. Ed is co-founder of Customer Service Solutions, Inc., and Alicia is an executive representative with Merck & Co. ■ **Stephen and Jennifer McNeill**, a son, Harrison Stephen, November 7, Orlando, Fla. Both Steve and Jeni are attorneys, he in Winter Park, Fla., and she in Orlando.

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Next reunion in 2003

Alex Albert, who served as senior policy advisor for the late Sen. Paul Coverdell of Georgia and then as legislative director for Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, has been named Miller's chief of staff. ■ **Michael Conrady** of Mount Pleasant, a partner in the Campbell Law Firm, P.A., has become one of the youngest lawyers ever certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a specialist in bankruptcy and debtor/creditor law. ■ **Tony and Gina Garrett '89 Jones** live in Columbia, S.C., where he works at Midlands Technical College. Gina recently earned her master's degree in student personnel services and is client services manager for the University of South Carolina registrar. ■ **Thomas M. Little** has joined the Foley & Lardner law office in Tampa, Fla. His specialties include real estate, banking and finance, and recreation development law. ■ **MARRIAGE: Heather Jean Russell** and John Steven Price, October 21, Durham, N.C. Heather is an associate development tester for SAS Institute, Inc., in Cary, N.C., where they live, and he is a software engineer with Peopleclick.

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Next reunion in 2004

Kevin Ashcraft, formerly menswear buyer for a department store in Bradenton, Fla., has been appointed sportswear merchandising manager at Woolrich, Inc., in Pennsylvania. ■ **Chris Flynn** of North Richland Hills, Texas, is a senior graphic designer with clicktolearn, an on-line company. He continues to play drums with the band The Red Letters and is also art director for *Shine*, a Christian women's magazine. ■ **Paula Patton Helms** of Chamblee, Ga., works in the international ministry of Intown Community Church in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Larry Higgins** has been named legal counsel for Kanawha Insurance in Lancaster, S.C. ■ **M. Todd Wilkins** has been appointed loan officer at the Haywood Road office of The Palmetto Bank in Greenville. ■

BIRTHS: Chris and **Stacey Collier Almond**, a son, Max, February 1, 2000, Elberton, Ga. Stacey is an elementary school counselor for the Elbert County Schools. ■ Rod and **Karen Ellis Bradley**, a son, Zander Coen, November 11, Denver, Colo. ■ **Brian and Kathy Kaib '90 Clark**, a son, Daniel Watson, December 14, Marietta, Ga. Kathy is a medical information specialist at Solvay Pharmaceuticals in Marietta, Ga., and serves as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Georgia and Mercer University Schools of Pharmacy. Brian is senior systems integration specialist with Lockheed Martin EIS. ■ **Daniel A. and Amy Collins '91 Grover**, twins, a daughter, Charlotte Irene, and a son, Daniel Austin, Jr., January 27, Greenville. ■ **Mike and Leslie Huckaby '90 Miller**, a daughter, Joanna Lila, October 31, Charlotte, N.C. Mike is a Java software engineer with the S1 Corporation in Rock Hill, S.C. ■ **Mike and Julie Roberts Saunders**, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, May 21, 2000, Indianapolis, Ind.

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After receiving her Doctor of Education degree in vocational and technical education from Clemson University last summer, **Sally Schaible Cramer** now lives in Safford, Ariz. She is a graphic communications/printing trainer and her husband, Steve, is a director of rotary and offset operations for Impressive Labels, Inc. ■ **Jerry Crosby** of Crestwood, Ky., who received a temporary appointment last September to fill a vacancy on the 12th District Court bench in Oldham County, Ky., was elected to the office by voters in November. ■ **Tommy and Michelle Kirk** live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is a senior engineer with Procter and Gamble. ■ **Asheley Dillard Kotis** and her husband, William, live in Greensboro, N.C., where they work in commercial real estate at Kotis Properties. ■ **Keith Jameson Richard**, a principal singer with the New York City Opera, has recently sung with the Indianapolis Opera, Glimmerglass Opera and New

York Gilbert & Sullivan Players. ■ **Allen Thomason** began duties in October as pastor of Chesterfield (S.C.) Baptist Church. He came to Chesterfield from a church in Corydon, Iowa. ■ **Judi Harris Wilson** of Martinez, Ga., has completed all the coursework toward her doctorate in educational leadership at Georgia Southern University and is now writing her dissertation. ■ **MARRIAGE: Palmer Branch** and Evelyn Ray, October 21. Palmer is a podiatric surgeon in Tampa, Fla. ■ **BIRTHS: Chase and Maria Alvord**, a daughter, Sophia Leigh, June 19, 2000, Seattle, Wash. ■ **Bryan and Connie Christensen**, a son, William Patrick, April 5, 2000, El Paso, Texas. After three years in Alaska, Bryan was transferred by the U.S. Army to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is a flight surgeon for an aviation unit. ■ **George and Robin Floyd**, a daughter, Alison Elisabeth, Arden, N.C. George, an accomplished singer, is a physical therapist with the Blue Ridge Physical Therapy Center. ■ **Matt and Mary Highlander Jones**, a son, Joshua Matthew, September 2, Snellville, Ga. ■ **Patrick and Nancy Thomas Kennedy**, a daughter, Mary Camilla, November 3, Greenville. ■ **David Salmon** and Lauren Wheeler, a son, Christopher Matthew Wheeler, July 1, 2000, Stockbridge, Ga. David is a regional field scientist-genetic analysis with Beckman Coulter, Inc. ■ **Clark and Julia Springs**, a daughter, Kendra Charlize, January 5. ■ **Mitch and Allison Clark Turknnett**, a son, Bryan Clark, October 2, Jacksonville, Fla. ■ **Kenneth and Julie Washburn**, a daughter, Sophia Kase, June 6, 2000, Lexington, S.C. ■ **Charles and Jennifer Berry '94 Watson**, a daughter, Martha Elizabeth, January 7, 2000, Charlotte, N.C.

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Rhett Baughan moved to Brussels, Belgium, in December to work for INVESCO Continental Europe as a product manager representing global and European equity products. ■ **Amanda Capps** has opened M3, her own Greenville-based

consulting firm. The title encompasses the three aspects of her work — marketing consulting, media relations and message development. ■ **Mark Taylor** has earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Florida State University and is now an associate director for academic affairs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is also director of Wharton's Leadership in the Business World summer institute. ■ **BIRTHS: William and Sharon Kelley Allsbrook**, a son, Michael William, May 21, 2000, Chattanooga, Tenn. ■ **Mark and Tara Daniel '92 Bakker**, a son, William Talmage, March 23, 2000, Greenville. ■ **Wayne and Jennifer Sherrill Davis**, a son, Jonathon Davis, Willow Spring, N.C. Jennifer is a teacher and instructional support specialist with Johnston County Schools. ■ **Paul '93 and Carol Ann Zuppa Good**, a son, Paul Edwin IV, November 9, Greenville, S.C. ■ **Ryan and Elizabeth MacIvaine Greene**, a daughter, Haley Katherine, October 24, Pewaukee, Wis. ■ **William A. and Renee LaHue Marshall**, a son, William Law, September 23, Charleston, S.C. Renee is executive director of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. ■ **Mark and Kathryn Tison '92 Petralia**, a son, Alexander Charles, September 9, Atlanta, Ga. Kathryn has become director of business development for CompuCredit, a credit card company. ■ **Wendell and Kim Drothler '93 Phillips**, a son, Jackson Everett, August 15, Roswell, Ga. ■ **Jonathan and Lou Alice Alligood '92 Rogers**, a daughter, Margaret Abigail, July 11, Nashville, Tenn. ■ **Mark and Clay Sasser Timbes**, a daughter, Katherine Legare, November 11, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Chris and Laura Stegall Wagner**, a daughter, Anna Elisabeth, Lawrenceville, Ga. ■ **Walt and Tami Merrill Waters**, a daughter, Ashton, February 26, 2000, West Columbia, S.C.

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Amy Berry of Rineyville, Ky., is a first-grade teacher in Meade County. ■ **J. Allen Clayton** has been promoted to director of

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finance at Hilton Head (S.C.) Medical Center. ■ **Melissa Dancy** is a visiting assistant professor of physics at Davidson College. ■ **Roger and Caroline Munnerlyn Ferrell** have “restarted” an old church,

formerly Trinity Baptist, in Scarborough, Maine. The church, which has been renamed South Coast Community Church, has a new building and has increased attendance at its services from 20 to 200 people

since the Ferrells arrived in late 1997. ■ **Stephen Hall** is managing director of Axalon Ventures in Darien, Conn. His wife, Karen, is a reporter for the *American Lawyer* magazine. ■

Martha Henderson of the criminal justice sciences department at Illinois State University has completed defense of her dissertation. ■ **Andrea Kolich**, who received her

master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University, lives in Oakton, Va. Her husband, Jeff Richman, is an attorney/lobbyist. ■ **Patman Lester, Jr.**, is minister of music and worship at Grace Baptist Church in Toccoa, Ga. ■ **Erik and Beth Thompson Loedding** live in Cumming, Ga. She is a sixth-grade resource teacher with Forsyth County Schools and he

From intern to manager

Alumnus earns full-time post with German company

It was crisis time in the marketing department at Deutsche Telekom, Europe's largest telecommunications company. And Bill Childree, an American student who had just begun a three-month internship in the company's marketing department in Bonn, was caught in the middle.

During the first month of his internship, Childree had worked with a three-person team to develop a one-of-a-kind initiative called Women on the Net, which provides free Internet classes for women who have little or no experience on-line. But in bringing the idea to the market, the company underestimated customer interest. When it could not initially meet customer demands, it received a barrage of protests from irate women who insisted upon their right to take part in the project.

Anticipating a period of calm after the project's launch, two of the team leaders had gone on vacation — leaving Childree and one other colleague to handle the angry calls.

“I was shocked by the tenacity and emotion with which the German women complained,” says Childree. “Some wrote five-page faxes, and others found ways to call through to the project management deep inside company headquarters.”

What was Deutsche Telekom's response? The company decided to call every dissatisfied customer, listen to their concerns, accept responsibility and offer a solution. Childree put in demanding, 12-hour days responding to each complainant — in German.

He says, “I think my sense of American customer service and southern hospitality helped me, and my language skills improved exponentially. I learned a lot, especially in the area of slang and insults.”

The results: The project recovered, and Childree impressed his team leader with his composure under pressure. The head of the marketing department noticed as well. Childree was asked to stay for another three months — and parlayed the opportunity into a full-time job.

Today Childree, a 1998 Furman graduate, is a marketing manager with Deutsche Telekom. He develops and manages projects to boost sales among women, particularly by increasing the number of women using the Internet. Since Deutsche Telekom launched Women on the Net two years ago, more than 70,000 German women have taken the courses, and the project has been a public relations coup for the company.

Childree's classmates at Furman probably wouldn't be surprised to learn that he is working in Germany. He began studying the language in sixth grade, majored in German (and music) at Furman, and participated in the study abroad program in Germany, which he describes as a “transforming” experience.

But a career in corporate marketing, especially in a foreign country, is an unlikely path for someone who never took a marketing class.

Childree's journey toward his current job began his senior year at Furman, when he applied for a Fulbright fellowship to study in Germany. Shortly after graduation, he learned that he had been

selected and would spend the next year at the University of Bonn. He quickly arranged to live with Lu and Eckart Schlemm, with whom he had roomed during his study abroad experience.

Staying with the Schlemms was ideal, Childree says: “We often had long discussions about cultural differences, religion and politics. Everything was open to discussion, and I had to learn to articulate opinions and defend or modify them — in German.”

At the University of Bonn he studied German literature, including Kafka, Nietzsche and the Viennese moderns. The university's relaxed pace also allowed him time for an active social life — and to think about his future. Whatever the work, he decided, he wanted to remain in Germany.

When he heard that the Fulbright Commission was sponsoring an internship program, he was one of 40 applicants — and one of four accepted. Thus began his association with Deutsche Telekom.

Still, attaining permanent employment proved to be a test. He needed work and residence permits, but the process was difficult because unemployment in some parts of Germany is almost 18 percent. Furthermore, the Department of Labor requires an extensive search of the job market to confirm that no German (or qualified citizen of the European Community) can fill a position.

At the same time, Deutsche Telekom had instituted a freeze on new hiring. Plus, Childree had no formal education in marketing — and Germans are particular about matching credentials to positions. But by proving himself under fire and earning the support of his colleagues, he overcame the bureaucratic obstacles and secured a permanent position.

Childree now lives in Cologne and commutes 30 minutes to his job in Bonn. He says he misses “large, juicy rib-eye steaks, good Mexican food, family, friends, and a washing machine that completes its cycle in under two hours.” Still, he values Germany's sense of social justice, its emphasis on Bildung (education in the largest sense of the word), its efficient and clean public transportation systems, and its concern for the environment.

Someday, he says, he may return to the States to pursue an M.B.A. degree in international business. For now, though, he isn't ready to abandon the smell of fresh Brötchen (rolls) in the morning, or the abundant Wanderwege (hiking paths) throughout the beautiful countryside of his adopted home.

— Jane Chew

The author is professor of German at Furman.



is a project manager for Equity Residential Properties. ■ **Angela Whalen** lives outside of Cambridge, England. She works for Science Applications International Corporation, providing early intervention services as a pediatric occupational therapist for military families based overseas. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **Catherine Leigh Owen** and Anthony Michael Cuomo, November 25, Fayetteville, N.C. They live in Philadelphia, Pa., where she is a musician and music teacher and he is a district sales manager with Merrill Lynch. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Robert** and **Kristi Archer**, a son, **Brenden Robert**, January 2. ■ **Jeffrey** and **Melanie Bain Calcaterra**, a son, **Mark William**, February 25, 2000, Dayton, Ohio. ■ **Shane** and **Amy Turnipseed** (M.A. '98) **Clark**, a son, **Samuel Caleb**, February 8, Travelers Rest, S.C. ■ **Bruce** and **Nancy van Luyn Oglesby**, a daughter, **Berkeley Wescott**, August 25, Richmond, Va. ■ **Ron** and **Kristin Felder Shoe**, a daughter, **Mary Margaret**, February 22, Nashville, Tenn. ■ **John** and **Julia Kidwell Wyllly**, a son, **Jack**, October 8, Tybee Island, Ga.

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Ottis Mark Ballenger of Chicago, Ill., works in the electronics industry as the U.S. Western/Mexico account manager for Pihier International Corporation. ■ **Shelley Waters Boots** is research director for CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network in San Francisco, Calif. ■ **William L.** and **Kirstin Quinn Clark** live in Fayetteville, Ga. He is a computer consultant with ASAP Staffing, L.L.C., and is currently working on projects at BellSouth. ■ **Robert Cone** practices civil, domestic and governmental law as the senior associate attorney with the Greenwood (S.C.) firm of McDonald, Patrick, Tinsley, Baggett and Poston, L.L.P. ■ **Joel Dixon** is a physical therapist with Physiotherapy Associates in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Chad Jackson** is an account representative with Kendro Laboratory Products in Houston, Texas. ■ **Jeremy Mosteller** lives in Queretaro, Mexico, and works in the

import-export business. ■ **Scott Roy** is an investment representative with the Edward Jones Company in Black Mountain, N.C. He is 2000-2001 president of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis Club. ■ **Scott Stewart** lives in Augusta, Ga., where he is an ear, nose and throat medical resident. ■ **Todd Ulmer** received his Ph.D. from Georgia Tech in December and is now living in Belmont, Mass., and working for Lincoln Labs, a research affiliate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Scott C. Purinton** and **LeighAnn Stublely**, June 17, 2000. Having received his Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Florida, Scott is now a medical student at the University of Miami. **LeighAnn** is a cardiovascular scientist for Johnson & Johnson. ■ **Carl Tremble** and **Danese Shipp**, January 13, Jacksonville, Fla. She is a financial consultant for Salomon Smith Barney and he is community coordinator with the Jacksonville Marine Institute. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Paul** and **Jennifer Rice Brady**, a son, **Davis James**, December 14, Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Craig** and **Kimberly Wingfield Griffin**, a son, **Robert Craig, Jr.**, November 9, Canton, Ga. ■ **Andrew** and **Jennifer Brown Leynes**, a son, **Owen Matthew**, April 21, 2000, Trenton, N.J. **Jennifer** is an architectural historian with Richard Grubb & Associates. ■ **Chris** and **HaeKyong K. Nelson**, a daughter, **Haegen Lee**, June 13, 2000, Greenville. **Chris** has signed to join the staff of Laurens (S.C.) Family Practice, while **HaeKyong** is a pediatrician at Carolina Pediatrics of Greenville. ■ **Rhett** and **Kim Cochran Price**, a daughter, **Kate Cochran**, June 5, 2000, Greenville. **Kim** is group and corporate sales manager with Greenville's Peace Center for the Performing Arts.

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John Denning II is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Louisiana State University, with a specialization in clinical neuropsychology. ■ **Shannon Epps** is attending the University of Ghana in Africa through an international law program

sponsored by UCLA. ■ **Paul Evins** has been a research fellow at the University of Oulu in Stockholm, Sweden, while completing his doctorate in structural geology and geochronology. ■ **Leigh Gauthier** has begun a new job as a traveler and writer for 10Best.com, a Web site and wireless information provider of on-line guides to cities around the world. ■ **Scott Wild**, who played tight end with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League from 1997 to 2000, is founder, president and CEO of Wild Gaming Group, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa. The company's focus is on multi-media sports applications in the casino industry throughout the United States and Canada. ■ **Julie Yoder** lives in Washington, D.C., and has begun teaching in the Alexandria (Va.) City Public Schools. She is a sixth-grade English as a Second Language teacher. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Autumn Hanna** and **Jim VandeHei**, December 2, Washington, D.C. **Autumn** is chief floor assistant to Congressman Tom DeLay of Texas, and **Jim** is a political reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*. ■ **Kelley E. Krieger** and **Shane Gruber**, September 2. They live in Delaware, Ohio, and **Kelley** works at Lutheran Social Services. ■ **William Ali Whitley** and **Regina Dawn Jones**, December 2, Atlanta, Ga. He is a mortgage loan consultant and she is an e-commerce consultant. ■ **BIRTH:** **Ron** and **Kerry Collins Mitchell**, a son, **Sean Christian**, March 10, 2000, Massapequa Park, N.Y.

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Next reunion in 2005

Catherine Bell Bell is a development director for American Financial Group in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is developing her own private college advising business. Her husband, **Matthew**, is an industrial design student at the University of Cincinnati. ■ **Amanda Brown** has become a middle school counselor with the Fulton County Board of Education in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Julie Williams DeGuia** is a production control planner for Applied Materials, a firm associated with

the semi-conductor industry, in San Jose, Calif. Her husband, **Tony**, works for the same company. ■ **Nathan Genez** is a software consultant with SAP America in Houston, Texas. ■ **Stan Kupchinsky** has been transferred from the Groton, Conn., site of Pfizer, Inc., to the LaJolla, Calif., site, where he works as a scientist. He plans to complete a law degree at the University of San Diego. ■ **Laura Trageser Morrison** of Alexandria, Va., attends American University's Washington College of Law. ■ **Lynn Zimmerman Neuburger** of Mount Dora, Fla., is a kindergarten teacher at Page Private School. ■ **David Owens**, editor of the *Dorchester Eagle-Record* in St. George, S.C., was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives last fall. His election was the first time a Republican has won his district. ■ **Sam** and **Camille Gibson** '98 **Rabon** live in Cullen, Va. **Sam** has started Oakleigh Catering and also helps manage his in-laws' restaurant. **Camille** recently received her M.B.A. degree from Gardner-Webb University. ■ **Ginny Taylor** of Greensboro, N.C., is assistant editor of *Elegant Bride* magazine. ■ **Miles Willoughby** has become assistant vice president for marketing opportunities with SunTrust Bank, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga. He is completing a graduate degree in marketing at Georgia State University. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Michelle Raimondo** and **Patrick Bowen**, November 25, Duncan, S.C. She is a marketing graphic designer for Dunlop Slazenger Group. ■ **Heidi Schrecengost** and **Ben Marlin**, August 19, Columbus, Ga. **Heidi** is an administrative secretary with Quality Healthcare Partnership, and **Ben** is a U.S. Army officer. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Hudson** and **Amanda Denney**, a son, **William Hudson, Jr.**, January 24, Greenville. ■ **Randy** and **Melissa Fletcher** '98 **Lee**, a daughter, **Miranda Allison**, December 18, Greenville. ■ **David C.** and **Linda Couch Williams**, a son, **Max Jeremiah**, March 22, 2000, Taylors, S.C.

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Paul '98 and **Lisa Sexton Aiesi** moved from Cleveland, Ohio, to Greer, S.C., last fall after he was hired by Delta Air Lines to fly the Boeing 737. ■ After managing a large project for a Seattle, Wash.-based client of Renaissance Worldwide, **Mike Arthur** has been promoted to consulting manager and has moved to the Richmond, Va., area. ■ **Thomas C.** and **Rebecca Powell Austin** live in Columbia, S.C. She is employed by Palmetto Health Alliance and was recently promoted to Web administrator in charge of all internal and external Web sites for three hospitals. Tom graduates from medical school this spring and will pursue an OB/GYN residency. ■ **Doug Carney** has become a vice president with the MIS group of Puralite Corporation, a chemical manufacturer and the world leader in the production of ion-exchange resins. He lives in Wilmington, Del. ■ **Allen Cooper** has received his master's degree from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, **Susan Cooper '98**, live in Easley, S.C. She works for Altec Medical, Inc., a pharmaceutical company. ■ **Stefan** and **Amanda Owens Montgomery** have moved to Baton Rouge, La., where he is a family practice resident at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Amanda has begun work on her D.M.A. in piano performance at Louisiana State University. ■ **Scott Powers** of Douglasville, Ga., has taken a job as account executive with Momentum, a marketing promotions firm. He is working on Coca-Cola's commitment to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. ■ **Mandy Roberts** recently moved to southern Thailand. A journeyman/missionary with the International Mission Board, she is teaching English at Walailak University and doing student outreach. ■ **Rachel Stander** moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, to help start Hidden Valley

Presbyterian Church. She is also working as a chemist for DataChem Laboratories, Inc. ■ **David Tate** is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. ■ **Julie West Torres** is assistant coordinator of educational programs for refugees and immigrants with Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. Her husband, Fabio, also works with Catholic Charities. Both teach English as a Second Language at Tarrant County College. ■ After finishing her clerkship with Judge Cornelia Kennedy on the Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, **Kristin Wilhelm** has moved to Atlanta, Ga., taken the bar exam and become an associate with the firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Mark Berry** and **Deborah Drew**, September 16, Augusta, Ga. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Mark is a publisher for Arcadia Publishing and she is a credit analyst for Regions Bank. ■ **Matthew C. Mathis** and **Jennifer Elliott '00**, October 21. They live in Macon, Ga. ■ **Chris Runyon** and **Nicole Langenbaugh**, December 30, Charleston, S.C. After finishing his first clinical rotation at an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Columbia, S.C., Chris is now a student at the Medical University of South Carolina. Nicole is studying for a master's degree in speech language pathology at the University of South Carolina. ■ **Lee Allison Robertson Williams** (M.A. '98) and **Christopher Michael Goryl**, December 2, Lake Junaluska, N.C. She teaches in the Buncombe County (N.C.) School System and he is employed by Blue Ridge Paper Products. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Fred** and **Melissa Caron '97** **Grahn**, a son, Logan Cyrille, January 2, Durham, N.C. Fred has recently been promoted to technical product manager for Electrifier. ■ **Jason** and **Dawn Turner Woodard**, a daughter, Samantha Carrie, September 10, Cornelius, N.C.

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Just visit the Alumni page on the Furman Web and click on the Registry link. It's just another way Furman helps you stay connected!

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Marjorie Avent is in her third year at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Georgia. ■ After graduating from the Columbia School of Law at the University of Missouri, **Eric L. Boehmer** has passed the Missouri Bar and is an assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Charles County. ■ **Cyndee Lee Bonacci** is the new program director for the Family Life Center at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Lori Cole**, a conservative commentator and executive director of the Eagle Forum in Washington, D.C., appeared on ABC-TV's "Politically Incorrect" January 29 with host Bill Maher, comedian/actor D.L. Hughley, and actors Rod Steiger and Jeff Fahey. ■ **Carey Connor** of Mount Pleasant, S.C., graduated from the physician assistant program at the Medical University of South Carolina last August and is working at Carolina Family Medicine. ■ **Wesley T. Dunaway**, who works for the IBM Corporation, has entered the M.B.A. program of the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. ■ **Melissa Filer** teaches technology in the middle school at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville. ■ **Mark Graves** has earned a master's degree in elementary education from Florida State University. He lives in Marietta, Ga., and teaches second grade in the Cobb County School System. ■ **Robert Jetton** is pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Entomology at North Carolina State University. He will carry out his research in the mountains around Asheville, N.C. ■ **Michelle Reeves** is an assistant manager in creative marketing with Estee Lauder International in New York City. She ran her first marathon in Chicago in October. ■ **Joshua Trevino** is a content producer for Cornell Weill Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Sara Ann Brown** and **Andrew Harold Fowler**, October 21, Chattanooga, Tenn. They live in Charleston, S.C. She is studying for a master's degree in teaching at the College of Charleston and he is pursuing a medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. ■ **Michelle Good** and **Josh Holmes '98**, September 30, Greenville. They are both in school in Charleston, S.C., Josh at The Citadel and Michelle as a physical therapy student at the Medical University of South Carolina. ■ **Cheryl Mason** and **Weston C. Cheatham**

'01, June 10, 2000, Greer, S.C. Cheryl teaches Latin at Ridge View High School in Columbia, S.C. ■ **Robert Lewis Tims** and Holly Michelle Wray, October 28, Greenville. They live in Birmingham, Ala., where he is a student at Beason Divinity School. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Kevin and Andrea van Reenen Powell**, a daughter, Ansley Elizabeth, January 18, Birmingham, Ala. ■ **Colin and Brandy Justice Ross**, a son, Sean Andrew, September 2, Lawrenceville, Ga.

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Next reunion in 2003

Matt Black is a field supervisor with Vivid Marketing, traveling the NASCAR circuit. He now represents the Pepsi motorsports program, running the Mountain Dew account. ■ **Peyton Burke** is an account manager with Leslie Advertising in Greenville, working on the Mayfield Dairy Farms, Coats & Clark and Carolina Pride accounts. ■ **Julie Childress**, who graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law in January, joined the Richmond, Va., law firm of Bowman & Brooke, LLP, in April as an associate attorney. ■ **Jennie Connor** is a community relations coordinator with Home Depot in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Ginnie Danforth** of Winston-Salem, N.C., was among 23 athletes selected as featured performers in a January program at Greenville's Peace Center for the Performing Arts. The athletes performed in "Out of Season," an original work by choreographer David Dorfman. ■ **Stephen Z. Hearne, Jr.**, has been named branch manager for AT&T's Truliant Federal Credit Union in Greenville. ■ **Jason Heider**, who lives in Richmond, Va., and is employed with First Union Securities, has begun work on his M.B.A. degree at Virginia Commonwealth University. ■ **John Jacobs** has begun work as intermodal operations sales representative with CH Robinson Worldwide in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Jayda Biddix Justus** and her husband, Brent, moved to Alexandria, Va., last fall. She works as a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Sue Myrick. ■ **Lynn Kepper-Hudson** is a health and physical education teacher in Gwinnett

County (Ga.) Public Schools. She races on the Atlanta Track Club's competitive team and is hoping to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Trials as a marathoner.

■ **Jeremy Koch** is a graduate research assistant at the University of Kansas. He completed his first marathon last October. ■ **Karlene Machovec** has moved to Charlotte, N.C., and become a professional relations consultant with TLC Laser Eye Centers. ■ **Linda Murphy** lives in Garden City, N.Y., and plans to complete pilot training school this summer. ■ After completing her year as an Americorps VISTA volunteer with the Greenville Literacy Association, **Traci Shortridge** is now a student advisor at the new Northwest Campus of Greenville Technical College. ■ **Brent and Jennifer Azbell Steadman** are students at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. ■ **Brad Swillinger**, now in his last semester of law school at the University of Toledo (Ohio), has begun work for Toledo's City Prosecutor as a court-certified legal intern. ■ **Taylor and Stephanie Hitchcock Townsend** live in Richmond, Va. Taylor attends dental school at Virginia Commonwealth University. ■ **Jenny Pittman Viscusi** of Warrington, Pa., will graduate from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry this summer and then begin a year of internships. ■ **Nicole Yosmali** is a graduate student in school psychology at the University of Memphis (Tennessee). ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Kate Augustine** and Joseph Haber, November 11. She is a science communications associate with American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C., and he is an electrical engineer at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. ■ **Julie Hammett** and Stephen Cannon, April 2000. They live in Boiling Springs, S.C. She is a program director with HeartWise — A Community Partnership. ■ **Milly Meeks** and Ben Daniel, November 18. They live in Charleston, S.C. ■ **Kimber Small** and Burt Arrington, November 4. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is a tax consultant with Deloitte & Touche and he is an attorney with Troutman Sanders.

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Next reunion in 2004

Kevin Adams is studying for a master's degree in math education at the University of Georgia. He plans to complete his coursework this summer and then begin his teaching career in the Georgia school system in the fall. ■ **Tara Byer** is a second-year student at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. ■ **Brian Dowling** lives in Columbia, S.C. He has started High Tach Motorsports, an import performance shop, and is an investor in a film production company out of Chicago. ■ **Ann Fitz**, a law student at Mercer University, will serve a judicial clerkship this summer in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Matt Hobbs** is a U.S. Army scout platoon leader with "A" Troop, 1-14 Cavalry, stationed at Fort Lewis. He lives in Tacoma, Wash. ■ **Raf Kamieniecki** of Taylors, S.C., is president and CEO of Zyfr, Inc., a startup company. ■ **Tyler Milliken** of Greenville has become an executive applications engineer with Alcoa Fujikura Ltd., working with optical fiber arc fusion splicers and teaching operator training and maintenance courses to Alcoa clients. ■ **Stacy Schorr** is the news editor for the *Anderson* (S.C.) *Independent-Mail*. ■ **Ryan and Lindsey Osborne Stinnett** are students at the University of Tennessee. Lindsey is pursuing a master's degree in public administration and works as the assistant youth coordinator in the Safety Education Unit for the Knoxville Police Department. Ryan is a second-year law student and will work this summer as an associate with Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Mike Williams** is a graduate student at Indiana University and has co-authored a textbook on facility management. ■ **Leigh Williamson** is pursuing a master's degree in health administration at the University of South Carolina. ■ **Laura Witry**, who joined the staff of Congressman Ed Bryant of Tennessee in the fall of 1999, has been promoted to legislative

assistant, handling telecommunications and military, veterans' and Social Security issues. ■

MARRIAGE: Kathryn

Meredith Grubbs and Robert Bradley Ezzell, November 18, Winston-Salem, N.C. Kathryn works with the credit services group of Wachovia Bank. ■ **BIRTH:** **Jeremy and Sarah Beavers Price**, a daughter, Abigail Marie, December 21, Naples, Fla.

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Don Abramo, Jr., is a medical representative for Merck & Co. and is based in Anderson, S.C. ■ The U.S. Army granted **Russ Boyd** a transfer from active duty into the Chaplain Candidate Program. He is now a second lieutenant in the Inactive Ready Reserve and is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. He also serves as the youth minister at Creekwood Christian Church.

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■ **Tracy Brooks** is a graduate student in criminology at Georgia State University and is working part time with an educational consultant. ■ **Curtis Callaway** is working toward a master's degree in American history at the University of South Carolina. ■ **Carey Cannon** of Arlington, Va., is a member of the U.S. Army Chorus. The group performs regularly for the President and visiting heads of state and at functions hosted by the departments of State and Defense. ■ **Erin Carnahan** is project coordinator with Capital Strategies, Inc., a public relations and marketing communications firm in Raleigh, N.C. ■ **Jeremy Cass** is enrolled in the graduate program in Hispanic Literatures at the University of Kentucky. He teaches two undergraduate Spanish courses each semester. ■ **Mark Davis**, who had been working on a partnership between the Rotary Foundation and the Adopt-A-Minefield Campaign of the United Nations Association of the United States,

is now living in Las Condes, Santiago, Chile, where he is a Goodwill Ambassadorial Scholar through Rotary International District 7750. He has been accepted to the International Relations Department of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. ■ **Christiana DeGregorie** is studying for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta. ■ **Cassie Floyd** is enrolled at the Pikeville (Ky.) College School of Medicine. ■ **Reid Hawkins** works as buying manager for Pools by John Clarkson in Jacksonville, Fla. ■ **Shelby Huie** is a student and graduate assistant at the University of South Carolina, working toward a master's degree in exercise science. ■ **Craig Hunter** is studying for a master's degree in public policy at the University of Chicago, with a concentration in international development focused in sub-Saharan Africa. ■ **Whitney Jackson** is a graduate

student in international print journalism at American University in Washington, D.C., and will receive her master's degree in August. ■ **Ali Kraigsley** is pursuing a master's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Southern California. ■ **Nicole Maglio** lives in Hempstead, N.Y., and is a law student at Hofstra University. ■ **Amy Oakes** of Darien, Ill., is a sales trainee with Central Steel & Wire. ■ **Nick Pennington**, a graduate student in recreation and tourism management at the University of Tennessee, will intern this fall with a conventions and expositions firm in New York City. ■ **Meg Ramey** is serving in Venezuela with the International Mission Board, ministering to the survivors of last year's devastating mudslides. ■ **Kelly Robinson** of Lawrenceville, Ga., is a client support specialist in the sales department of HQ Global Workplaces, Inc., an international company. ■ **Melissa Roy** works for Creative Network Studios, an advertising and production company in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Lanier Swann** is a news anchor with TACC 9

TV in Kinston, N.C. ■ **Andrea Tallent** is advertising manager for the American Society for Engineering Education. She lives in Alexandria, Va. ■ **Amanda Thrasher** is assistant to the director of Guarisco Gallery in Washington, D.C. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jake Paul Bostrom** and **Cara Lynne Rhodes**, November 18, Hattiesburg, Miss. ■ **Melanie Gladding** and **Timothy Van Steenburgh** '01, August. She is pursuing her master's degree in Spanish linguistics at the University of Florida.

DEATHS

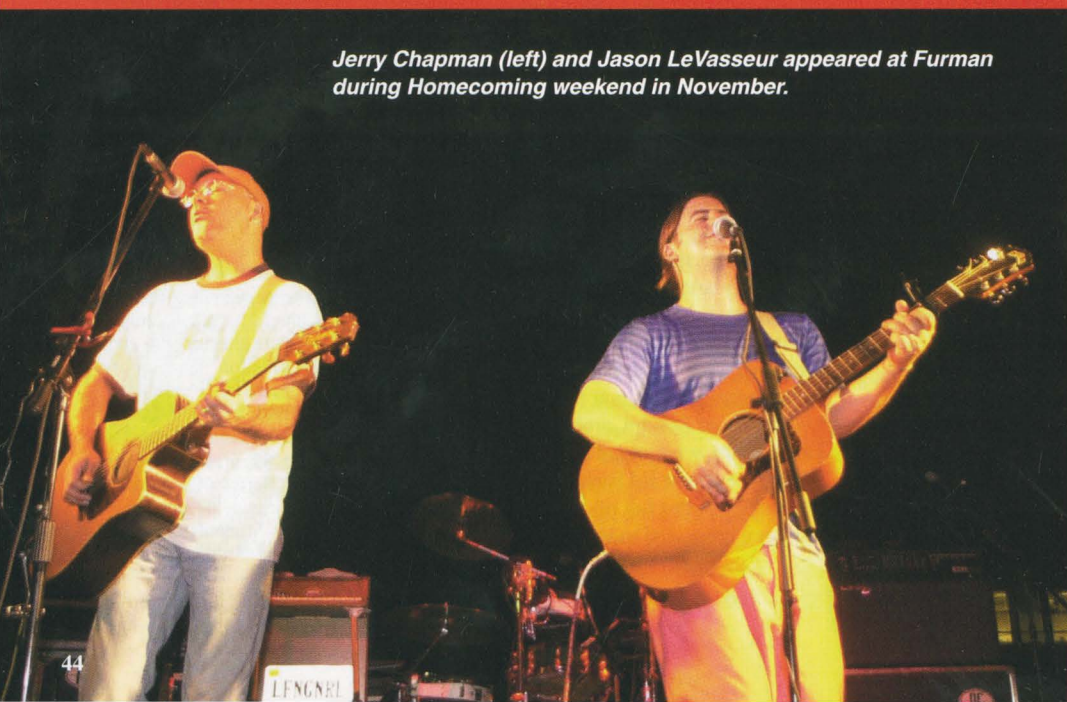
Edith Wilson Sterling '24, February 14, Newberry, S.C. She was retired from teaching at Newberry High School, was former organist for Red Bank Baptist Church and was a member of the Newberry Chapter of the Eastern Star, the South Carolina Education Association and the Power House Art Center.

Oscar Hodges, Jr. '27, December 22, Fountain Inn, S.C. He was a retired agent with Hodges Insurance Agency.

In general, life's good for this band

Furman grad half of one of college circuit's hottest performing duos

Jerry Chapman (left) and Jason LeVasseur appeared at Furman during Homecoming weekend in November.



Like many teen-agers growing up in the 1970s, Jerry Chapman was fascinated with the rock group Kiss, which featured the fire-spitting Gene Simmons, heartthrob Paul Stanley and drummer Peter Chris.

But it was Ace Frehley, the group's legendary, silver-faced lead guitarist, who was Chapman's favorite.

"I saw Kiss for the first time in 1979 in the Greensboro [N.C.] Coliseum. I was 14, and I'll never forget it. That was the beginning," says Chapman.

When a Kiss concert ended, the group often left behind a throng of teen-age boys clamoring for guitar lessons. But unlike most his age, Chapman pursued his love of the guitar and music long after the Kiss craze had passed.

Today, he's part of one of the hottest duos on the college performing circuit. Life in General, consisting of Chapman and Jason LeVasseur, plays about 150 concerts a year. They've performed with the Dave Matthews Band, the Allman Brothers, Hootie and the Blowfish and Bryan Adams.

Virginia Cook McKelvey '27, December 18, Fountain Inn, S.C.

Clara Emerson Swygert '28, November 25, Anderson, S.C. She taught in public schools for 29 years and retired from teaching in Anderson County District Three.

William Lewis Power '29, February 21, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from the Georgia State Department of Public Health.

Sara Elizabeth Thomas '29, December 17, Greenville. She was a retired medical office manager.

Theo Flowers Windham '29, December 4, Florence, S.C. She taught school in Oconee County, S.C., for a number of years before running a florist shop in Darlington, S.C.

Ollie Lucille Smith Childress '30, February 3, Greenville. She was a former associate women's editor and feature writer for the *Greenville Piedmont* and an account executive in display advertising for *The Greenville News*. She was active in community and civic affairs and

served on the boards of the South Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs and the Southeastern Region of General Federation of Woman's Clubs, among others. She founded the Progress Foundation of S.C. Federation of Woman's Clubs and was appointed to the state's first Highway Safety Committee.

Gladys Roper Davis '30, February 17, Easley, S.C. In 1974, while teaching at Wren Primary School, she was honored as Teacher of the Year. She had been a school principal and had retired after 50 years of teaching in Anderson County (S.C.) District One Schools.

Ruth Keeler Kever '31, January 12, Greenville. She was a former teacher in Greenville County schools.

Sidney M. Wilson '31, January 27, Greenville. He was a former president of the Furman Alumni Association and was founder and chairman of the board of C. Douglas Wilson, Inc. He was formerly Greenville's Young Man of the Year, was president and a charter member of the Exchange Club, was co-chair of United Way, and was a member

of the national board of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was active in First Baptist Church.

Mattie Lee Cox Drummond '32, January 30, Easley, S.C. She taught French, Latin and English for 35 years in Greenville, Anderson and Pickens county schools and was the 1973-74 Pickens County Teacher of the Year. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Easley High School.

Mary Evans Dunn Bryan '33, February 4, Greenville. She was a retired insurance agent with Goode Bryan Agency.

Rembert T. Cribb, Sr. '33, January 16, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked in claims management with the CSX Railroad for 35 years.

Frances Little Elliott '33, August 2, Griffin, Ga.

Jessie Linder Pickett '33, November 30, Clinton, S.C. She had worked as a medical secretary, a teletype operator for Western Union, and a cashier

and medical records librarian at Greenville Memorial Hospital. She also joined the Woman's Army Corps and served as a teletype operator with the 5th Army Corps in North Africa and Italy from 1943 through 1945.

Sarah Elizabeth Sanders Harris '36, November 13, Anderson, S.C. She had retired as head librarian at the South Carolina State Hospital in Columbia.

Louise Vaughan Mazursky '36, February 2, Barnwell, S.C.

Thomas E. Dougherty, Sr. '37, December 16, Laurens, S.C. After receiving his divinity degree, he began his ministry in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1938 before pastoring churches in Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina. He served Kilbourne Park Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C., from 1965 until his retirement in 1979, at which time the church named him pastor emeritus.

John Owings Farish '37, December 30, Pittsboro, N.C. After serving four years in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was in textiles with E.M. Holt

Although Life in General hasn't hit the big time, the band's easy-going style and willingness to work hard (they've performed in 46 states) have earned them a loyal fan base, particularly among twenty-somethings.

They've also earned recognition. From 1995 to 2001, the National Association of Campus Activities, which helps book campus concerts throughout the country, named Life in General its "Contemporary Music Artist of the Year." The group has also made *Musician* magazine's list of "Top 100 Unsigned Bands."

"So Long True Love," the duo's latest CD, has sold over 4,000 copies, and more than 25,000 of the group's CDs are in circulation. Not bad, considering that you can't buy any of Life in General's six releases in most chain record stores. Almost all of them are sold at the group's concerts or through its Web site, lifeingeneral.com.

Although he began playing guitar as a high school student in Winston-Salem, N.C., Chapman didn't really become comfortable on stage until he enrolled at Furman.

"I found out that playing a guitar can get you girls," he says with a laugh. A philosophy major, Chapman was part of an informal group of students who performed at parties and other gatherings during his Furman days.

After graduating in 1987, he returned to Winston-Salem and joined some high school friends in forming 2 lb Planet. Playing a mixture of their own music and covers of popular hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s, the foursome toured the Southeast before disbanding in 1993.

After the break-up, Chapman and Shelley Sutton, a Furman classmate and fellow Sigma Nu brother, formed Life in General and began touring to build a name and fan base. During that first year, the duo played more than 200 concerts and released LIG's first album, "Long Forgotten Toys."

But the Chapman-Sutton partnership did not last long. Sutton left the band in 1994 to pursue his own interests — the two have remained friends — and was replaced by LeVasseur.

Chapman and LeVasseur maintained an aggressive touring schedule and became a hot ticket with the college crowd while producing four CDs from 1996 to 2000. Last year, Chapman released a solo album, "Making God Laugh."

Bouncy and fun yet also reflective, LIG songs cover everything from relationships and religion to boozing with friends. While it's an acoustic band, the group has a varied and versatile sound. Some selections

incorporate the violin, mandolin, harmonica and piano. Chapman and LeVasseur share vocal duties.

On the road 200 days a year, the performers recount their adventures through frequent postings on their Web site. And every day is fan appreciation day for the duo. They e-mail them, chat after the show and post fan tributes and photos on their Web page. Their fans return the affection by traveling, sometimes for hours, to hear LIG perform. And they tell their friends about the band.

"After a show people will come up and say that they saw us in college and wanted to come out again and hear our music," says Chapman. "Others will say they came out on the recommendation of a friend. Our popularity has grown from word of mouth."

Although Life in General wouldn't turn down a big record deal, Chapman says he and LeVasseur aren't obsessed with making the big time.

"We've been successful and made a career without a major record label," he says. "We've never had a grand plan to get famous. We enjoy playing music. We'll do it until it stops being fun. We are a pretty up and happy band."

— John Roberts

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Plaid Hill, which later merged with Burlington Industries. He then worked with Martin Marietta Aggregates of Raleigh, N.C., for 24 years before retiring.

Frank Orell Bowie '38, December 30, Greenwood, S.C. He was a retired purchasing agent with Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works.

Benjamin Fayette Broadway, Sr. '38, December 3, Laurinburg, N.C. Ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1941, he was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve during World War II and went on to pastor churches in Kentucky and the two Carolinas. He served as moderator of the South Carolina Pee Dee Baptist Association, as a member of the General Board of the North Carolina and South Carolina State Conventions and as a member of the Executive Committee General Board for North Carolina and South Carolina.

Wilmot Jefferson Spires '39, November 23, Columbiana, Ala. Following a brief career with the New York Yankees, he joined the Marine Corps and served in the Pacific during World War II. After discharge from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1959, he became vice president of manufacturing for Buck Creek Industries, from which he retired. He was part owner of the Shelby County (Ala.) Airport and served as a bailiff at the Shelby County Courthouse.

John G. Coniglio '40, February 26, Nashville, Tenn. Recipient of Furman's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1980, he taught biochemistry at Vanderbilt University for more than 40 years before retiring as professor emeritus in 1990. His main research interests were in lipid chemistry and metabolism, and the interface of nutritional biochemistry and reproductive biology. His tenure as director of the medical student biochemistry course at Vanderbilt spanned four decades, and the annual John G. Coniglio Prize

in Biochemistry is awarded to the Vanderbilt medical student with the most distinguished record in biochemistry. He received the university's Thomas Jefferson Award in 1978.

Mildred Winifred Loftis Benjamin '40, December 21, Laurens, S.C.

McMurry Wilkins, Jr. '40, January 22, Greenville. A graduate of Tulane Medical School, he served as a medical officer in World War II, retiring as a lieutenant commander, and then practiced internal medicine in Greenville for 42 years. He was president of the staff at St. Francis Hospital and was a member of the Greenville County Medical Society, South Carolina Medical Society, American Medical Association and the Internal Medical Association.

John T. Frazier, Jr. '41, January 21, Easley, S.C. He was a U.S. Army Corps veteran of World War II. A graduate of Duke University Divinity School, he was a member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference for 50 years and served many Methodist churches.

John Alexander McPherson, Jr. '41, December 28, Columbia, S.C. He started working for Riegel Textile Corp. in Ware Shoals, S.C., in 1939. After serving as a U.S. Army infantryman in World War II, he became vice president at McPherson Co., Engineers-Architects in Greenville. He later became vice president of the Industrial Division for Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle & Wolfe in Columbia and was State Engineer of South Carolina from 1970 until his retirement in 1986. He then started A/E/C Consultants, Inc.

Marjorie Bunch Greene '42, November 28, Greer, S.C. She was a retired school teacher and was a member of the Joyce Scott chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ernest P. Norwood, Jr. '42, February 9, Greenwood, S.C. He was owner of Norwood Insurance Agency. He was closely associated with Lander University and Wesley Commons in Greenwood and served as chairman of the Magnolia Cemetery Association for 15 years.

Cornelia Christensen Balz '43, February 16, Jacksonville, Fla. She had lived in Greenville for a number of years before moving to Florida. She was an expert floral arranger and was a member of Greenville's Lake Forest Garden Club and Retired Military Officer's Wives Club. She founded the Parkinson's Disease Support Group in Greenville and was a Red Cross volunteer.

Herbert D. Gullick '43, December 29, Greenville. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the post-World War II occupation of Japan, he had a career of almost 50 years as a surgeon, educator, administrator and clinical researcher. He was nationally renowned for his medical research and was a leading expert in treatment of the diabetic foot. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and was active in numerous scientific and academic organizations. He was a member of Furman's Advisory Council and Premedical Advisory Council, and was elected an alumnus member of the university's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1995.

Robert Earle Phillips '43, December 23, Greenville. He was a retired process engineer with Kemet Electronics and was a former officer and show chairman of the Greenville Kennel Club.

Eliza Henry Brown '44, December 26, Darlington, S.C.

Caroline Etheredge Hembel '44, January 22, Saluda, S.C. She was one of the first three women accepted for the Civilian Pilot Training Program at the University of South Carolina in 1939. She became the first woman in the Southeast to solo and receive her pilot's license

under the program and in 1940 she received her commercial pilot's license. In 1941, after being chosen "Miss South Carolina Aviation," she became an ambassador for the world of aviation. That same year she began training Navy V-5 aviation cadets in preparation for World War II. She was honored twice in 1995 by the South Carolina Aviation Association when she was inducted into the state's Aviation Hall of Fame and was named Aviator of the Year for her contributions to aviation.

John R. Waters '44, December 5, Laurens, S.C. He was founder and former pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Laurens.

Lolita Evans Howard '45, March 5, Tyler, Texas. She was a retired service representative with Pacific Bell and was active in the American Association of University Women, the Red Cross "Swim and Stay Fit" program, and the local travel club.

Peggy Jackson Price '45, January 6, Greenwood, S.C.

Joan McFall King '46, December 8, Anderson, S.C.

James Clyde Baker, Jr. '49, January 29, Greenville. After serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, he was district manager for Piedmont Natural Gas for 40 years. He was a member of the Masons, Hejaz, Scottish Rites and Civitan.

W. Edwin Bobo '49, January 21, Wake Forest, N.C. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he went on to become assistant business manager of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also served on the Laurens County (S.C.) School Board.

Henry Marshall Green '49, February 17, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a retired chemist for Corn Product Company.

James Malcome Ivester '49, January 24, Taylors, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he retired from John D. Hollingsworth on Wheels after 20 years of service. He was a

32nd-degree Mason and was a member of Hejaz and Scottish Rite.

Martha McKinney '49, April 13, 2000, Greenville.

Helen Coursey Rodgers '49, February 12, Greenwood, S.C.

Charles E. Braun '50, November 18, Palm Springs, Calif. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired president of Calgon Vestal Laboratories of St. Louis, Mo. He also worked as a sales manager with Puritan Chemical Co. in Atlanta, Ga., and with E.L. Bruce Co. in Memphis, Tenn., and Los Angeles, Calif. He was one of the founding members of the Palm Springs Air Museum.

Lonie Stevenson Woods '50, January 15, Barnwell, S.C. She was a registered nurse and retired as plant nurse with Milliken, Inc.

John Faircloth Park '51, January 14, Kingston, N.Y. His teaching career took him to colleges in Virginia, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and New York, where he was appointed chair of the Humanities Division of Ulster County Community College. In addition to being an educator, he gave numerous professional concerts and recitals as a tenor soloist. He was also a cantor and received the honor of cantor emeritus of Temple Emanuel in Kingston in 1997.

George J. Joseph, Jr. '52, December 14, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from the Henkle Corporation.

James Lonnie Bradley '53, December 18, Lebanon, Ky. He had retired after a 15-year pastorate at Springfield (Ky.) Baptist Church and was serving as minister emeritus at Lebanon Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Carl A. Fiske '53, January 30, Union, S.C.

Mary Eidson Willis '53, March 5, 2000, Graniteville, S.C.

David Shay Buffamoyer '54, February 14, Piedmont, S.C. He played football at Furman and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Louella Brooks Gibson '54, December 22, Columbia, S.C. She was on the music faculty at Columbia College for the last 38 years and was widely recognized as a teacher, accompanist, lecturer and adjudicator. She had served as an elected officer in the Columbia, South Carolina and National music teacher associations; the Morning Music Club of Columbia; and the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and the Other Arts. She was active in Columbia's Main Street United Methodist Church.

Donald Verdery Saxon '55, December 9, Little River, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and was a former real estate broker in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Roberta Elton Evans Willis '58, December 12, Andrews, S.C. She was a former schoolteacher in Orange Park, Fla.

W. Ray Avant '59, December 12, Atlanta, Ga. He was a Baptist minister at churches in South Carolina and Georgia for 19 years. He was also a prevention specialist with the Georgia Department of Human Resources and worked with the Georgia Regional Board for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, administering and supervising the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs programs. He helped found one of Georgia's first community-based agencies for senior citizens.

Thomas Edward House '60, January 27, Greenville. An obstetrician/gynecologist and U.S. Army veteran, he had taught in the Greenville Hospital System, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and the Medical University of South Carolina. He had also served as a consulting senior associate with the Greenville Hospital System and a senior associate with Greenville's St. Francis Hospital. A partner of the Women's Center in Greenville, he was a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and was a member of the South Carolina OB-GYN Society, the American Association of Gynecologic

Laparoscopists, the American Fertility Society and the South Atlantic OB-GYN Association.

Mary Eunice Rice Gray (M.A. '61), January 5, Williamston, S.C. She was retired from Anderson County (S.C.) School District One after more than 30 years of service as a principal and teacher.

Emmie Atkinson Gasque '62, December 21, Murrells Inlet, S.C. A first-grade teacher at The Learning Tree, she had previously taught elementary school in the South Carolina counties of Florence, Marion and Horry for 30 years.

William David Redd '62, February 23, Charleston, S.C. He had been minister of music at Charleston's First Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the American Guild of Organists. Known for his interest in historical preservation, he bought and restored Sword Gate Inn in Charleston and also owned a bed and breakfast. He had designed organs for several Charleston churches.

Mary Susan McElwee Eison '67, January 29, Greenville. She had taught physical education in the public schools for a number of years. She had served as president and was on the board of the Greenville chapter of the American Cancer Society. She was president of Chapter 76 Book Club and Silverfish Book Club.

John C. Mason '67, August 29, Alexandria, Va. He had worked for the U.S. government at the General Services Administration.

William Andrew Hancock '69, November 17, Tryon, N.C. He played baseball with the Washington Senators organization before moving into coaching at Buford (Ga.) High School, where his teams won several conference baseball championships. He became a scout for the Texas Rangers and finished his career with the San Diego Padres as Southeast regional scouting director.

Rena Mae Jamison Hagler (M.A. '76), December 15, Spartanburg, S.C. She had

retired from Spartanburg County School District Seven as a mathematics teacher. She was a member of the Personnel Appeals Board of the City of Spartanburg, the retired Senior Volunteer Advisory Board, the Education Committee for the NAACP and the League of Women Voters. She had been a past president of the South Carolina State Alumni Association of Spartanburg and past secretary of the National Council of Negro Women.

Evalee Fratt Jennings '78, January 25, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Helaina Surabian Connelly '92, December 31, Hartford, Conn. She had worked at Hartford Insurance Group as an actuarial analyst.

About class notes

Because of the large number of submissions Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the amount of time it takes to review, compile, edit and typeset so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

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